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In re Application of :
Cornelissen et al. :
Application No.: 10/626,695 : ON PETITION
Filed: July 25, 2003 :
Attorney Docket No: 0142-0419P :

This is a decision on the petition filed December 20, 2004, requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of July 25, 2005.

The petition is **granted**.

On July 25, 2003, the above-identified application was filed. On October 20, 2004, the Office of Initial Patent Examination mailed a "Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application" (the "Notice"), stating that the application had not been accorded a filing date because a specification did not accompany the application papers. The Notice allowed a non-extendable two-month period for reply beginning from the mailing date of the Notice.

In response, on December 20, 2004, applicants filed the present petition and a postcard receipt date-stamped by the Office acknowledging having received twelve pages of a specification on July 25, 2003, among other items.

Upon review of the record, the specification was not located among the original application papers. The evidence is convincing, however, that twelve pages of the specification accompanied the application papers filed on July 25, 2003. Therefore, the application, including the specification, was complete on filing and entitled a filing date of July 25, 2003.

The application file will be directed to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing with a filing date of July 25, 2003. The Office of Initial Patent Examination will issue a corrected filing receipt.

Any inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3222.

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